GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SEMINAR BY INTERNATIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Colombo based International Water ManagementInstitute has organised a seminar recently in India and deliberated on India's water conservation problems;

(b) if so, whether the experts have opined that India's mega project on inter-river linking has serious drawbacks;

(c) if so, whether the experts have estimated that the total cost of the mega project is more than Rs.5.76.000/- crores with a gestation period of 40 years;

(d) if so, whether the seminar concluded that India should go for small/localised solutions closer to users rather than unviable mega projects; and

(e) if so, the remedial steps proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (e) The information for answering the question is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.